



**To the Mayor and Members of the City Council**

**August 2, 2016**

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**SUBJECT: PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE 2016-2017 ACTION PLAN**

On June 28, 2016, the Community Development Council ("CDC") funding recommendations for the 2016-17 Action Plan for use of federal grant funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) were presented to the City Council. These funding recommendations were developed through a six month process that included an issuance of a Notice of Funding Availability for Major Projects ("NOFA") as well as a Request for Proposal ("RFP") for social services agencies. NOFA and RFP responses were scored based on evaluation criteria approved by the CDC which served as the basis for funding recommendations.

HUD requires a 30 day comment period on the draft Action Plan ("Plan"), which began on July 1, 2016 and was scheduled to end on August 1, 2016; in addition, two public hearings regarding the Plan must be held. During this comment period, changes may be made to the draft Plan to accommodate comments and/or concerns during the Plan's development process. There are two proposed amendments to the HOME Investment Partnerships Program Grant ("HOME") and Community Development Block Grant ("CDBG") funding recommendations that differ from the original Plan presented to City Council.

- 1) **CHDO Single Family Housing Project** – revised from the Riverside neighborhood to the Hillside-Morningside neighborhood

In 2010, Tarrant County Housing Partnership ("TCHP") proposed a total of 17 units of infill housing in the Hillside-Morningside neighborhood. Over time, \$1,765,931.00 in HOME funding was approved and due to environmental issues and increasing construction costs, the funds originally awarded would only complete the construction of 11 houses. Currently, TCHP has another single family infill project underway in the Diamond Hill-Jarvis neighborhood, Council District 2. Rather than begin a new project, TCHP has requested that the Action Plan 2016-17 HOME funds be allocated to their oldest project in the Hillside-Morningside neighborhood in Council District 8 to assist with the completion of the remaining 6 homes.

- 2) **Code Compliance Demolition and Clearance Project** – amended from 4959 East Rosedale Street to the abandoned gas station located at 2016 Stalcup Road

Clearance of the East Rosedale location, a large illegal dumpsite, was recommended due to its location near the proposed redevelopment of the Cavile and the Historic Stop Six neighborhood. However, further detailed review of HUD requirements regarding clearance and demolition has determined that clearance activities are only eligible if they are performed for debris remaining from demolition of a structure at the site. Illegal dumpsite clearance cannot be performed as a "standalone" activity. Therefore, staff is recommending substitution of CDBG funding for demolition and clearance of an abandoned gas station / auto repair shop located at 2016 Stalcup Road in Council District 5.

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The original Plan timeline called for a public hearing to be held at the CDC meeting on July 13, 2016; however, the meeting was adjourned due to the absence of a quorum. Therefore, Staff extended the public comment period to August 8, 2016 and a public hearing on the amended Plan has been scheduled for the City Council meeting on August 2. This Council agenda item will be continued to the City Council meeting on August 9, 2016 where another public hearing will be held and once closed the Plan is scheduled for formal approval by the City Council.

If you have questions regarding this IR, please contact Aubrey Thagard, Director of Neighborhood Services at 817-392-8187.

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